captioned 'MIG flats sold as SFS', appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 1st July, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) A letter to the editor under the caption 'MIG flats sold as SFS' had appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 1st April, 1996.

(b) and (c) The following three main issues had been raised in the aforesaid letter:

(i) Faulty draw for allotment/ allocation of flats under the self-financing Scheme VIII.

(ii) Allotment of MIG flats at Dwarka sector 11, Pocket-II as SFS category II flats.

(iii) Levy of cancellation charges.

The DDA has reported that the draw of lots for allocation of flats is conducted on computer in the presence of outside judges. In the computerised draw of lots and combination of allocation of flats to different individuals is possible. Therefore, it is not correct to say that the draw was faulty.

The flats in Question were initially proposed to be constructed as MIG flats. Later, it was decided to offer these flats to the registrants of self-financing Schemes. Accordingly, these flats were included in the brochure of the self-financing scheme, Category II. The details such as locality, area of the flats, and tentative costs were also mentioned in the brochure of the said Scheme.

The cancellation charges on account of surrender of flats were payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the VIll Self-Financing Scheme. The amount due after recovery of the cancellation charges has been refunded to all applicants.

Financial Assistance to Maharashtra For Computerisation of Land Records

747. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE. Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide financial assistance to State Government for computerisation of land records and issuance of Kisan passbooks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance for the purpose was provided to Maharashtra during the last three years;

(d) if so, what are the year-wise details thereof; and

(e) how much land records have been computerised in the State and the total number of farmers who have been given Kisan passbooks in the State, so far, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Computerisation of Land Records, 100% Financial assistance is given by the Central Government for implementation of the Scheme.

Financial assistance on 50 : 50 basis between the Centre and the State is also provided for issuance of Kisan Pass Books under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) for small and marginal farmers who are to get those Pass Book free of cost.

(c) and (d) Financial assistance given to State Government of Maharashtra under the scheme of Computerisation of Land Records during the last three years is given below;-

Year	*Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)*
1993-94	60.00
1994-95	95.00
1995-96	195.00

Funds for issuance of Kisan Pass Books have, however, not been provided as such proposal has not been received from the State Government of Maharashtra.

(e) The following 20 districts of Maharashtra State have been covered for undertaking Computerisation of land records:-

(i) Wardha
(ii) Amravati
(iii) Nasik
(iv) Aurangabad
(v) Bombay
(vi) Nagpur (vii) Akola (viii) Pune
(ix) Thane
(x) Chandrapur
(xi) Jalgaon (xii) Parbhani (xiii) Solapur/ (xiv) Latur
(xv) Bombay City (xvi) Bul Dhaana (xvii) Dhule
(xviii) Kolapur (Xix) Nanded
(XX) Raigad

Total Quantum of Land Records entered in the computer networks is not still quantifiable at this stage. Kisan Pass Books, even if issued by the State Government has not been done under the concerned Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Rural Godowns in Punjab

748. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns sanctioned and completed in Punjab under the scheme for setting up of rural godowns;

(b) the Central assistance/grants provided for the purpose to the State, so far,

(c) the target fixed for the year 1996-97 for Punjab under this scheme; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) (a) No godowns have been sanctioned for Punjab by the Central Government under the scheme for setting up of rural godowns;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The scheme for setting up of rural godowns had been transferred to the State Sector since 1992-93 as per the decision of the National Development Council.

Implementation of National Social Assistance Programme

749. SHRl SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State where National Social Assistance Programme is being implemented;

(b) since when such programme is being implemented and the main components of this programme;

(c) the funds allocated to different States during the last one year under the programme and the achievements made so far during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken to implement the programme effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The National Social Assistance Programme is being implemented throughout the country.